

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants' representative and Examiners Yoo and Coburn conducted a telephonic interview on February 7, 2007. The independent claims were discussed with respect to the cited Luciano reference. Applicants' representative explained that Luciano did not disclose the claimed element of "a single, fixed value assigned to all winning events using partial credits as wagers." Examiners Yoo and Coburn agreed that this element was not disclosed in Luciano. Additionally, in view of the discussions during the Examiner Interview, Applicants' representative and the Examiners agreed to amended claim language to further clarify the claims. Examiner Coburn further suggested that an RCE would need to be filed because additional issues have been raised during the interview thereby necessitating a new search, but he stated that a final first office action would not be forthcoming in response to the RCE.